

REMARKS

Claims 18-34 are pending in this application. In this Response, Applicant has amended certain claims. In light of the Office Action, Applicant believes these amendments serve a useful clarification purpose, and are desirable for clarification purposes, independent of patentability. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendments do not limit the range of any permissible equivalents.

In particular, independent claims 18, 24, and 30 have been rewritten to reflect subject matter indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. In addition, several of the dependent claims have been rewritten to maintain consistency with the language in the independent claims. Changes to the dependent claims find support in the original Written Description as follows:

<u>Claim</u>	<u>Support</u>
Claim 19	Page 8, lines 24-27
Claim 20	Page 7, lines 30-31
Claim 22	Page 5, lines 20-22
Claim 28	Page 5, lines 7-9
Claim 32	Page 5, lines 12-13

As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully requests entry of these amendments at this time.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's recognition of allowable subject matter in claims 19, 22-23, 28-29, and 32-34 if rewritten in independent form. In response, claim 18 has been rewritten to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 19. In addition, claim 24 has been rewritten to include the subject matter previously recited in claim 28. Finally, claim 30 includes the subject matter previously recited in claim 32.

THE REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 & 103

Claims 18 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,733,428 to Calabria *et al.* for the reasons provided on page 2 of the Office Action. In addition, claims 24-27 and 30-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Calabria as provided on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In light of the amendments herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections are overcome. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §§ 102 and 103 rejections based in Calabria.

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER

Applicant submits herewith a Request for Change in Attorney Docket Number from 20002.0096A to 20002.0402. Applicant requests that the change be recorded and acknowledged.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0402.

Respectfully submitted,
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